

# 2017 Nature Calls



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## About the Artist

### Susan McCulley

I have always had an affinity for animals so after a recent resurgence in my desire to create artwork, it has been no surprise that wildlife consistently emerges as the main theme for my drawings. Although I can find interest in just about anything, animals are by far my favorite subject matter. I feel there is little else that can compare to the natural, honest energy given off by an animal, be it a family pet or one never meant to be touched by human hands. If we are lucky enough to be included as part of their world, whether for years or just a few moments, we are that much richer for the experience.

Although art classes while in college allowed me to experiment in mediums such as oil and printmaking, I am primarily self-taught at my current medium of choice, the pencil. Although slightly unconventional, I enjoy partnering the smoothness of graphite along with the rich blackness of charcoal for contrasting effects.

This is her third year exhibiting at Nature Calls.

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## About the Artist

### Lynn Jarvis Snowflake Woodcrafts

Lynn lives in rural Hornick, Iowa and enjoys creating products out of wood. He has been making bird houses, knife holders and cutting boards for years. You may have seen his work at the Sioux City Farmer's Market and the Woodbury County Fair as well.

His inspiration is his hands, head and heart.

He has a BS in Biology and is the recipient of the DAR American History Award and Citizenship Award.

This is his fourth year to participate in Nature Calls.  
We are sure you will enjoy his fine craftsmanship!

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## About the Artist

### Justin & Tori Engelhardt Wild Hill Honey

Wild Hill Honey offers raw and creamed honey, produced by chemical-free bees.  
We do not heat or filter our honey.

Our source of inspiration is our desire to produce pure, wholesome,  
100% natural honey.

Both Justin and Tori are from Sioux City.

Wild Hill Honey is produced by hives kept right here in Sioux City. It's as local and  
you can get. When you taste our honey, you're tasting nectar gathered from flowers  
in your yard.

This is their fourth year to participate in Nature Calls.

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## About the Artist

### Jana Sawin-Peterson Autumn Prairie Designs

Jana Peterson was born and raised on a farm near the Loess Hills by conservation-minded parents. Beginning at a young age, she and her family spent hours fishing, hiking, rock hunting, gardening and creating arts and crafts. Even as a child, Jana's projects were crafted by thinking "outside the box." Jana has a passion for rocks and continually searches for treasures along the river, in gravel pits—anyplace one can find unusual rocks and agates. She and her dad cut and polished the agates and started the foundation of her collections and jewelry interest.

After a few different traditional business careers Jana moved back to western Iowa and became an apprentice jeweler. Several years of repairing, sizing and setting of gem stones in traditional jewelry have again given way to creating "outside the box."

Jana's jewelry is made of precious and semi-precious stones and "just plain rocks with soul." She believes that all the earth's natural resources are precious and receives her inspiration for her artwork from nature.

Jana now lives on one of her family's century farms with her husband Craig and daughter Autumn, who is the seventh generation to live there. Her family is extremely supportive and always willing to go for a walk to enjoy the outdoors and search for precious treasures.

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About the Artist  
J Mark Lary  
Second Chance Woods

J Mark Lary is an artist from Sioux, Iowa.

He salvages and recycles wood, turning it into bowls, hollow forms, salt & pepper mills, and turned ornaments.

He is inspired by the shapes, color and texture of nature. Working with wood is something he has done most of his life; working in the home building industry, and in a custom cabinet shop.

Now in woodturning he looks at salvaged wood as the medium for turning, bringing out the colors and grains that are present but never seen by most people in a forum that is pleasing to the naked eye.

His work is unique in the way that nature has spent 100 in the making, to salvage it from the fireplace or a landfill to survive, and have another purpose that is pleasing to the eye.

He has never trained as a formal artist. At times he struggles with getting things the way he would like. He is looking for inspiration from other forums of art. He's not sure where this path will take him, but he is looking forward to the journey.

This is his fourth time to participate in Nature Calls.

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## About the Artist

Julia Licht

Artery

Julia grew up in Sioux City surrounded by a family of artists. Her father painted and many members of his family painted as well. Her family traveled extensively, visiting museums and art galleries all over the US. Through these experiences she learned to appreciate all forms of art.

Three dimensional art has always been a favorite of hers, as an adult she started doing stained glass windows and lamps. Her fascination with glass then moved to fusing glass. She still works with a combination of stained and fused glass. She creates detailed and unique designs in her bowls using various methods, including the “boiling” technique.

Julia is married to Peter who is also an artist. His medium is clay and he also helps out with design and patterns. They have three children Jacob, Emily and Michael. There is never a dull moment at home.

They have participated in Nature Calls for several years.

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About the Artists  
Doug W. Johnson  
Anne Johnson & Lee Johnson  
Johnson's Mill

Doug Johnson creates natural slab furniture, fine wood furniture and wood crafts. His source of inspiration includes both historical styles and Live-Edge Wood.

His hometown is Sioux City. Ann and Lee both were born in Fort Collins, CO. Doug received his BS degree in Construction Engineering from Iowa State University. Anne has a BA in Photography at Morningside and Lee has a BS in Mechanical Engineering and a MA in Education at Iowa State University.

They are 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Generation Woodworkers and Builders.

This is their second time to participate in Nature Calls.

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About the Artist  
Chaeli Kohn  
Shady Grove Pottery

Chaeli (Hanna) Kohn, a lifelong resident of Sioux City, had been working with Stoneware and Raku pottery for over 20 years. Over the years, she has taught children's pottery courses at the Sioux City Art Center.

Specializing in functional stoneware, as well as decorative wall hangings and Raku pottery, Chaeli uses the potter's wheel, extruder and slabs of clay with hand-building techniques. The elements of nature, such as leaves and bark, are often incorporated into the textures of designing the clay pieces. Various colors of glazes are integrated throughout the process, concluding with the firing process.

Chaeli's work has been displayed and sold at various locations including *A Step in Thyme Florals*. She had also participated in area fundraisers for the Sioux City Art Center, Sioux City Clay Artists Annual Holiday Show & Sale; and Art in the Park, at Latham Park. Chaeli has been a member of the Sioux City Clay Artists since 2006 and is currently a full time vendor of the Sioux City Farmers Market.

Shady Grove Potter is located in the family's home, and is open for business by appointment. Chaeli holds special events and sales several times during the year.

This is her second time to participate in Nature Calls.

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## About the Artists

Diane Culver

YLime Beads

Diane Culver is an artist from Dakota Dunes, SD. She teaches second grade at Hinton School.

As a hobby, she started making bracelets and found it very therapeutic. The proceeds she makes from her beaded wrap bracelets and leather bracelets she donates to charity.

She and her husband Keith have two daughters, Emily & Lexi.

This is her second time to participate in Nature Calls.

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About the Artists  
Logan Heissel  
Buck Creek Custom Calls

Logan Heissel is a young artist from Spencer, Iowa. He is a 2017 High School graduate and is an avid outdoorsman.

He started to make hand-turned duck and goose calls to use while waterfowl hunting. He found there weren't too many hand made calls to be found and decided to make some.

This is his first time to participate in Nature Calls.

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About the Artists  
Norma Lash  
Birds of a Feather

Norma Lash is an artist from Sioux City, Iowa. She makes handcrafted century-old wood birdhouses. She also makes windchimes with tin, beads and silverware and had crocheted rugs.

She and her husband love to recycle wood and other items to create their art. They find their treasures in many places, including second hand stores and rummage sales.

This is her first time to participate in Nature Calls.

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